OLD ENGLAND.

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Tua dignitas & amplitudo mihi eſt chara per ſe. CIC.

THERE is a Sort of ſecret Pleaſure in the Meditation of Greatneſs, tho' we are not ſo happy as to enjoy it in our own Perſons. Such a Glare of Light is apt to attend it, and to beam from it on every Side, that it has an Effect on us not unlike what we feel from the celeſtial Luminaries. 'Tis true theſe luminaries have Qualities that ſometimes blaſt and wither, as well as others that vivify and nouriſh: And if the Parallel ſtill holds, that human Greatneſs has alſo its baneful Effects on thoſe who gaze at it with Aſtoniſhment, the Similitude betwixt them is but ſo much the ſtronger.

Among the Kings of the Earth, thoſe have uſually been called the greateſt, who have had it in their Power to make the greateſt Number of People unhappy. The Power of conferring Felicity has indeed been united with its Oppoſite, and in ſome few Reigns has not been united with it in vain. But theſe are ſo few, ſo very few, when compared with the Reigns in which Kings have been great only for themſelves, that it may truly be ſaid we have too much of the Superſtition aſcribed to ſome *African* Nations, who worſhip moſt frequently the Beings they moſt eminently dread. Even in this ſuperſtitious Honour there is a Sort of enthuſiaſtic Delight, which ariſes from the Contemplation of *mere Power*, abſtracted from the Uſe that is made of it.

Thoſe of our own Monarchs who had the largeſt Dominions abroad, who led to Slaughter the greateſt Number of their *Britiſh* Subjects, and made the moſt profuſe Waſte of their Wealth in foreign Expeditions, are the Princes that were moſt adored by our Anceſtors, and have been delivered down to us with the moſt advantageous Characters. I do not mention Particulars, becauſe the general Tenor of our Hiſtory will ſufficiently confirm this Obſervation. Nor has this Sort of Weakneſs been peculiar to our Nation, or to former Times: If we look round us, we may ſee much of it, at this Day, among *our Neighbours* on the Continent.

The Power of ſuch Kings, who have broke the Necks of their Subjects to the Yoke, is conſidered as the more perfect and divine in proportion as it is the more licentious and uncontroulable. At leaſt this is the Doctrine inculcated in the Writings of ſuch courtly Authors, as are the moſt read and encouraged in Countries where Power thus prevails. It is no uncommon Thing, in the preſent Age, to ſee a *French* Book that condemns thoſe Monarchs who indulged the Aſſemblies of the States, and thought it reaſonable that the People ſhould have ſome Authority in the framing of thoſe Laws, by which they were to be governed. Every Condeſcenſion of this kind is treated as an Injury done to the Monarchy, and a Sort of Grant unjuſtly made, which for that Reaſon ought to be reſumed.

And indeed Reſumptions of that Nature have been ſo frequently made in *France*, that the moſt accompliſh'd Sycophants can at this Day find little to complain of in behalf of their Kings. They repreſent their Monarchy as now arrived at the Perfection, which it has been advancing towards thro' many Ages: And ſome of them are ſo vain as to think it ſo well eſtabliſhed, that it is hardly to be overthrown.

Upon this Principle *Lewis* XI, who never kept his Faith either with God or Man, but raviſhed from his Subjects all their Privileges, in order to put the Crown, as his Succeſſor *Francis* the Iſt called it, *hors de Page*, is applauded as a great King: And *Lewis* XIV, who either dragoon'd into a ſham Converſion, tortured to Death, or expelled from their native Country and Poſſeſſions, ſuch of his Subjects as were not of the eſtabliſhed Religion; who finding the Work of Oppreſſion at home, with regard to his other Subjects, already done to his Hands, ſpent the greateſt Part of a Reign, that was long beyond Example, in robbing and diſturbing his Neighbour;—was flattered with the Title of *le Grand* by Way of Eminence.

It may ſeem ſurprizing that Millions of People, when they ſee their Rights invaded and trampled on by a ſingle Man, ſhould rather rack their Inventions to colour barefaced Tyranny with the Name of true Greatneſs, than exert their Powers to recover what has been thus baſely extorted from them! Yet ſuch is the ſervile Nature of Mankind! And why ſhould we diſguiſe the Truth?

As a Man then, tho' not a *French* Man, let me for once indulge this natural Pleaſure of paying my Adoration to *Greatneſs*. And this I would do in a more humble Manner than appears in either of the Inſtances I have recited. The Worſhip due to Kings is indiſputable, when we pay a large Portion of Veneration to their Miniſters; and towards theſe only I ſhall bow the Knee at preſent.

What an awful Figure did *Wolſey* make, when Cardinal of the *Roman* See, Archbiſhop of *York*, Biſhop of *Durham* and *Tournay*, Chancellor of *England*, Legate *à Latere* from the *Pope*, Prime Miniſter to the King, *&c. &c.*! When he ſat in Judgment upon his Sovereign's Marriage, and was ſole Diſpenſer of Right to his Fellow-ſubjects! When he prefixed his Name to that of his Maſter, and was addreſſed with the Title of *Majeſty* by an *Engliſh* Univerſity, and a foreign Republic! When his Mediation was courted by the greateſt Prince of *Europe*, and the triple Crown ſeemed ready to deſcend upon his Head! When he dictated to his Train of Dependents, in Palaces of his own Building, which have ſince been the moſt ſplendid Places of Reſidence to the Monarchs of *England!*—Who can contemplate the Idea of ſuch Power, and not look up with Reverence and Wonder?

When the Intereſt of a *Dudley* ſo far prevailed, tho' under a Queen the moſt jealous of her Authority, that all Favours, all Rewards, all Puniſhments iſſued primarily from him, was it poſſible not to regard him with a Reſpect next to Adoration?—Could a *Villiers* govern his Maſter, command the Army and the Fleet, diſpoſe of all Preferments, eſtabliſh Monopolies to gratify his Creatures, and not be conſidered as more than a common Mortal?—And to deſcend nearer our own Time, when we ſaw that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the Perſon of *Walpole*, was at once Head of the Treaſury, the Admiralty, and every other public Office; that neither the Church, the Law, the State, the Eſtabliſhment Civil or Military, could ſerve or be ſerved but thro' his Recommendation, or rather his Appointment; who could wonder that the Worſhippers of *Walpole* were a great and powerful Multitude!

If we again caſt our Eyes among our Neighbours of *France*, what Objects of Worſhip have they had in their *de Luynes*, their *Richlieus*, their *Mazarines*, their *Louvois's*, their *Fleurys*.

And if yet greater Characters muſt ariſe to the Imagination, when the long Train of miniſterial Minions paſſes in Review before it, where will our Veneration end? They are all the Minions of themſelves, and of the Creatures that depend upon them, whatever they may be of their M——rs: And *Solomon* is acknowledged to be the wiſeſt of Mortals, who tells us, that *a living Dog is better than a dead Lion.* It will be remembered, that they were *French* Miniſters of whom I was laſt ſpeaking.

I have now in my Eye ſuch a Group of great Characters, that I find myſelf in Danger of falling into a kind of courtly *Polydoulia*. But as in a Group there is always a principal Figure, I ſhall endeavour to fix my Attention chiefly on that, and view the others in their proper Keeping and Perſpective only. This will prevent my putting them upon a Level in my Thoughts, and treating them all with the ſame Regard. Thus the *Romaniſts* pretend, that the Worſhip they pay to their common Saints is of an inferior Degree to that which they pay to the Virgin, whom they repreſent with the true miniſterial Quality of *commanding* her Lord and Maſter.

When I ſee on one Hand a Figure with a white Wand, and behind him, farther in the Shade, various other Perſonages with ſeveral Emblems of their Truſt and Dignity; when on the other I behold an ermin'd Sage, adorn'd with a Purſe, and an innumerable Band of the long Robe forming his Retinue; when cloſe by his Side I obſerve other engraved Utenſils, all hieroglyphical of the Qualities of the Perſons that bear them; tho' I may reſpectfully bow before every honourable Repreſentation, as the real Perſonage was undoubtedly advanced for that very Purpoſe; yet *He* in the midſt, who ſeems complaiſantly to bow on this Hand and on that, and even to ſhift with great Agility acroſs the whole Piece, ſo as in turn to throw every other Figure into Shade, or entirely to cover it; *He* it is, without Diſpute, who ought to be the principal Object of Veneration to me, and to all others who are Converts to this kind of Worſhip, which is in Truth the moſt faſhionable Religion of the Times.

Here I am led to the Contemplation of a *Great Man*, on whom, in his own Country, depend all the Meaſures of the Ad——on, and even the Iſſues of Life and Death, as far as theſe are dependent on any earthly Power! But what is all this to the Figure he makes, when I view him in his yet greater Capacity, as the Center of the Councils of *E——e*, and in a Place better adapted for ſuch central Honour than any that can be found in his native Land! When I ſee him pacifying the rough Agitations of the bluſtering North, and providing with great and moſt ſagacious Foreſight, for the diſtant Succeſſion to the firſt Crown in *Chriſtendom!*

While I am loſt in this Meditation, can I ſtoop to reflect on the trifling Expence his Country is put to, in order to procure this eminent Diſtinction for the moſt worthy of her Sons! Surely it is moſt honourable for that Nation, of which a particular Member, in a foreign Territory, ſways by any Means, pecuniary, logical, or rhetorical, the Determination of foreign Princes, over whom he has not the leaſt natural Influence!

N. B. It is recommended to the POETS of the Age, who are the Gentlemen that deal moſt in *Panegyrick*, and particularly to thoſe of *C——e*, who are more eſpecially intereſted in *this Subject*,—to prepare a large Collection of the *Products of* PARNASSUS (whether gathered on the *Top* of the Hill, and by the Hands of the *Muſes*, or *grub'd* up from the Bottom and Sides of it by mere human Labour, is not material)—to be ready by the End of *October* next, or before the Middle of *November* at fartheſt;—celebrating the *pacific Wonders* of the Year 1750, and aſcribing them all to the ſuperior Skill and Genius of the Hero of this *Tablature*;—at whoſe Feet they muſt be laid with that *reverential Awe*, which the Subjects of APOLLO ought to ſhew to his *Ch——r* and *Vice-gerent*.*

* Mr. POPE, in ſome Lines he left to be added in the fourth Book of the *Dunciad*, calls the Heads of *H——s* at the ſiſter U——y of *C——e*,

—— APOLLO's *Mayor and Aldermen*,
On whom three hundred Gold-cap'd Youths await.——

Why may we not, by the ſame Rule, ſay APOLLO's *Subjects*, and APOLLO's *Ch——r?*

LONDON.

Whitehall, July 31. The King has been pleaſed to grant unto the Right Hon. Francis Seymour Conway, Baron Conway of Ragley, in the County of Warwick, and to the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten, the Dignities of a Viſcount and Earl of the Kingdom of Great Britain, by the Name Stile and Title of Viſcount Beauchamp, and Earl of Hertford; and in Default of Iſſue Male to Henry Conway, Eſq; Brother to the ſaid Francis Seymour Conway, Baron Conway of Ragley, and the Heirs Male of his Body lawfully begotten.

By Monday's Poſt we are informed, that laſt Tueſday 7-Night, at Six o'Clock in the Morning, there happened ſuch violent Claps of Thunder and Lightning, at a Place called Traveller's Reſt, about three Miles from Dorcheſter in the Wareham Road, the like never was heard or ſeen in the Memory of the oldeſt Man living; it broke in two Windows in the lower Room, as alſo the Chamber Window where the People of the Houſe lay, broke down the Bed-Curtains, the People in Bed immediately got up, and no ſooner were they out of their Room but another Clap of Thunder carried away part of a Brick Chimney belonging to the Houſe; a Perſon who lay in another Room was thrown out of Bed by the Violence of the Shock, but providentially received no other Harm than having his Face ſcorch'd; it alſo broke down Part of a Wall, and cut a Piece of Timber therein in a ſurprizing Manner, and filled the whole Houſe full of Smoak.

We hear that a Society of the Union Fire-Office in Gutter Lane have taken the great Houſe formerly Alderman Levett's, in Maiden Lane, in order to erect a magnificent Building for that Office.

On Sunday Night about Ten o'Clock Mr. Rumbal of Coleman-ſtreet, and three other Gentlemen, coming in a Coach from Newington, were robbed of their Money by two Highwaymen, between Kingſland and Shoreditch; who afterwards robbed two Gentlemen in a Chaiſe near the ſame Place.

It is ſaid, that Thrift, the Executioner, will plead his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon at the next Seſſions at the Old Bailey.

We hear that a Scheme is laid down for raiſing a large Sum of Money for the fitting out a Number of Buſſes, in order next Seaſon to Sail for Shetland, &c. to be employed in the White Herring Fiſhery, and thoſe concerned are perſuaded that the Profits will be ſufficient to pay a very conſiderable Intereſt for their Money.

Sir Samuel Pennant, late Lord Mayor, has by his Will left 10l. to each of his Servants as a Legacy, and 10l. each for Mourning; and to his Butler, 50l. beſides Mourning, with all his Cloaths, Watch, &c.

We hear from ſeveral Parts of Lancaſhire and Cheſhire, that great Damage has been done all along the River, by the late Storms of Thunder and Lightning, which they ſay was accompanied with ſuch Showers of Rain, as is not remembered to have been before by the oldeſt Man living, which occaſioned the River to overflow, and laid a great Quantity of Paſture Ground very deeply under Water, whereby ſeveral Horſes were drowned, as were alſo ſeveral horned Cattle and Sheep; but the Damage done by the Water is inconſiderable when compared to that done by the Thunder and Lightning, as ſeveral Stacks of Hay and Corn have been deſtroy'd, ſeveral Houſes greatly damag'd and many more Cattle killed thereby.

A few Days ago three Lads went into an Undertaker's Shop near Holborn, and ludicrouſly deſired three Coffins to be made for them; one who was a Coachmaker's Apprentice in Leather Lane is ſince drowned; and the other two died of Fevers; ſo that they were all put into their Coffins in leſs than forty eight Hours.

The Commiſſioners of the Bridge are erecting an Office in Abington Buildings, where they intend to tranſact the Bridge Affairs, after the Bridge is finiſhed.

By Letters of the 16th Inſtant from the Britiſh Herring Fiſhery, by a Greenland Ship which put into Yarmouth, there is Advice, that our two Buſſes have caught (ſince the two Cargoes ſent to Hamburgh and Bremen) 170 Barrels more of Herrings, which were diſpatched by the Yawger to Hamburgh; and another Yawger was to be ſent for London, with the next fifty Barrels of Herrings. Out of the four French Buſſes, on the Shetland Herring Fiſhery, one of them loſt her Nets, and was gone Home; as ſeveral of the Dutch Buſſes have done, many whereof have not caught twenty Barrels this Seaſon. The Dutch generally agree that our Nets are better than theirs. There are three Eagles on board directed to Mr. Alderman Janſſen.

On Monday laſt Adam Nixon, another of the Conſpirators againſt the Hon. Edward Walpole, Eſq; was taken and is now in Cuſtody, by Virtue of Lord Chief Juſtice Lee's Warrant, for the ſaid Conſpiracy.

We are aſſured that the Thiſtle, Read, arrived in the River from Greenland, has had good Succeſs, having caught three Whales, and has on boaod 176 Caſks of Blubber; and that the Engliſh had been ſucceſsfull.

On Tueſday Night William Saunders, Eſq; coming from Illford in a Chaiſe, was robbed near the Five Mile Stone by two Footpads of what Money he had about him. They appeared like Sailors with Bludgeons.

Wedneſday Night between Nine and Ten two Fellows at the End of Woodſtreet, by Cripplegate, robbed two Gentlemen in a Coach, who afterwards made off undiſcovered.

Thurſday Morning a Court of Huſtings was held at Guildhall, for the Choice of a fit and proper Perſon to ſerve as Sheriff of this City, and County of Middleſex, in the room of Samuel Hawkins, Eſq; who lately diſqualified himſelf, when Robert Scott, Eſq; Citizen and Cooper, and John Tuff, Eſq; Citizen and Scrivener, were put up; and there being near an Equality of Hands the firſt Time, they were put up a ſecond Time, when the Sheriffs declar'd Mr. Scott to have the Majority, and he was accordingly declared duly elected.

The Affair that was before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, and was to have been determined laſt Tueſday, in relation to Mr. Alderman Cockayne's claiming a Right unto a Freedom of Merchant-Taylors Company, is put off till after the Receſs.

We hear that the King of Portugal is not dead, as ſaid in the Paris A-la-main received on Wedneſday.

The following Stratagem was made uſe of by Maclaine in robbing Lord Eglinton: My Lord was going over Hounſlow Heath early, and theſe Fellows being informed of his having a conſiderable Sum of Money with him, reſolved to rob him; But as he was well armed with a double Barrel Blunderbuſs, ſome Contrivance was neceſſary to accompliſh their Deſign; they therefore agreed, that one ſhould go before the Poſt Chaiſe, and the other behind it; he before ſtopp'd the Chaiſe, and ſkreened himſelf before the Poſtilion, ſo that his Lordſhip could not diſcharge the Blunderbuſs at the Fellow without killing his Servant; in the mean Time the Fellow behind the Chaiſe came cloſe to his Lordſhip, and ſwore, if he did not throw the Blunderbuſs out of the Chaiſe, he would blow his Brains through his Face; his Lordſhip finding himſelf thus beſet, was conſtrained to comply, and was robbed of his Portmanteau and 40 Guineas; his Lordſhip had two Servants about half a Mile behind. On ſeaching Maclaine's Lodgings, a Coat of Lord Eglington's was found, and his Lordſhip's Blunderbuſs; a Whip of Thomas Lockyer, Eſq; Member for Ivelcheſter, with his Name on it; and a Clergyman's Whip, Shoes, &c taken out of the Portmanteaus in the Saliſbury Stage Coach; there were alſo found a great many very rich Suits of Cloaths belonging to himſelf, and in the Pockets of a Frock a Pair of Piſtols loaded, as alſo two Powder Horns, and ſome Ball; in ſearching his Drawers, 21 Purſes of various Kinds were found all crammed into one, and a great Variety of Rings and other Effects, to the Value of near 200l. On Saturday he was examined before Juſtice Lediard, in the Preſence of the Right Hon. the Earl of Cheſterfield, Lord Montford, Lord Duncannon, and ſeveral other Perſons, and we hear he has made ſome diſcoveries. He was ſent back to the Gatehouſe, where he is cloſely confined, and Nobody ſuffered to come to him.

It is ſaid that Maclaine has impeached one Plunkett, a Journeyman Apothecary; and confeſſed that they had committed 33 Robberies; but declared he never fired a Piſtol, or committed any Violence whatever to thoſe he robbed.

Wedneſday there was a great Number of Perſons of Diſtinction at Juſtice Lediard's Houſe, to hear the Examination of Maclaine the Highwayman, which laſted about an Hour and an Half, when he confeſſed ſeveral Robberies, and frequently ſhed Tears. He confeſſed that he was one of the Perſons who robbed the Hon. Horatio Walpole ſome Time ſince about Knightſbridge, of his Gold Watch.

He was conducted back to the Gatehouſe by a Serjeant's Guard, for fear of a Reſcue.

Extract of a Letter from Ampthill in Bedfordſhire.

"We have here a plentiful Crop of all Sorts of Grain, and the Proſpect of a fine Harveſt; but on Monday laſt we had ſuch a terrible Tempeſt of Thunder, Lightning, and Rain as did almoſt incredible Damage to Man and Beaſt, and ſet Fire to ſeveral Barns, Houſes, &c."

On Wedneſday Morning laſt at 10 o'Clock, ſeveral Boats ſail'd, on a Signal given, from the Hoſpital Stairs at Greenwich, for his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales's Cup, which was won by a Folkſtone Cutter, called the Black Joke, who returned to the ſaid Stairs at 9 o'Clock the ſame Night. His Royal Highneſs was at Greenwich when they ſtarted, and in the Evening ſaw them paſs by Erith, on their Return.

We hear from Dover, that on the 25th paſt at Noon the Maſt of a Boat in the Pier was ſhivered all to Pieces, and one of her Sails ſet on Fire, by a Flaſh of Lightning, juſt as ſeveral Paſſengers were getting out of her, and providentially not one of them received the leaſt Injury.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to promote the Hon. Lord Frederick Cavendiſh, Son to his Grace the Duke of Devonſhire, to be an Enſign in Col. Dury's Company in the First Regiment of Foot Guards.

There is advice by the Tryton, Capt. Campion, from Carolina, that the Union, Capt. Mallet, from Antigua for Philadelphia, ſprung a Leak in the Bay of Lewiſtown, and altho' her Pumps were kept at work ſhe ſunk; the People were all ſaved by taking to the Boat, and there were ſome Hopes of the Cargo being alſo ſaved.

On Tueſday a Scarlet Coat given by a Lady at Batterſea was rowed for by ſix Watermen's Apprentices, who had ſerved five Years of their Apprenticeſhips, from Chelſea to Batterſea, and back again, which was won by one Ryan, Apprentice to a Waterman at Batterſea.

Wedneſday, the Firſt of Auguſt, Mr. Dogget's Coat and Badge was rowed for, according to annual Cuſtom, by ſix young Watermen, and with great Difficulty won by one Duncomb, of Black-Friars.

A Gentleman who is lately returned from his Travels informs us, that at Abbeville in Piccardy there is a Woollen Manufactory, which employs near 2000 Hands under one Roof, many of them are Engliſh and Iriſh; the Proteſtants are allowed Liberty of Conſcience, and great Care is taken that the Neceſſaries of Life are ſold them at a very low Price, by which it appears, that arbitrary Power is convinced, that Manufacture cannot thrive where the Neceſſaries of Life bear a high Price by Monopolizers, or oppreſſive Taxes.

Wedneſday a Set of Gamblers which frequent St. Clement's Church Yard, decoyed a Countryman into a Houſe in Drury Lane, and cheated him out of two Guineas and ſome Silver.

We hear from Preſton in Lancaſhire, that there was lately taken, in the River Ribble near that Place, 500 Salmon Fiſh, at one Draught, beſides many which eſcaped.

Wedneſday a young Fellow was taken, charged with robbing a Public Houſe near Well-cloſe Square of two Silver Tankards, ſeveral Silver Spoons, and ſome Money, on Tueſday laſt; one of the Tankards was found in his Poſſeſſion. He is kept in cloſe Cuſtody, and will be admitted an Evidence againſt a numerous Gang that he belong'd to, concerned in divers Burglaries and Robberies committed in and about Whitechapel and Goodman's Fields.

Thurſday the Silver Arrow was ſhot for at Harrow on the Hill, by twelve young Gentlemen educated in the School there, purſuant to the Will of Charles Lyon, Eſq; who left a Donation for that Purpoſe; and to whoſe Memory the great Bell in the Church tolls one Hour the firſt Sunday in every Month.

On Sunday next there will be a Publick Chriſtening of the Children born in the City of London Lying-inn Hoſpital, at the Chapel in London Houſe, Alderſgate Street. Prayers will begin exactly at Six o'Clock in the Evening.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Huſband's Houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral.——Several Perſons, belonging to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding.—The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and turn on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde-Park-Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

Thurſday one Smith ſtood on the Pillory over againſt Catherine-wheel Alley, Whitechapel, purſuant to his Sentence at the Old Bailey, for committing a Rape on the Body of a Girl ſeven Years old. He is to ſtand twice more and to be impriſoned for three Years.

A few Days ſince, one Mrs. Mattiſon, a Gardner's Wife near Croydon, was bit by a little Cur Dog, which, tho' it hardly raiſed the Skin, occaſioned great Pain for about ten Days, when ſhe went raving mad, and ſo continues, notwithſtanding the Salt Waters have been made Uſe of, and proper Medicines.

Three Men, who have lately robbed the Hampſtead Stages, and committed ſeveral other Robberies on that Road, are taken, and committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Briſtol, July 28. Laſt Sunday Night between Seven and Eight o'Clock in the Evening, a ſurprizing Luminary, or great Ball of Fire, with a long Tail to it, appeared to the Northward of the Hemiſphere, and made its Way with great Swiftneſs Southward, and greatly ſurpriſed many People.

Newcaſtle, July 28. They tell us from Penrith, that laſt Sunday Night about eight o'Clock a ſtrange Phænomenon was ſeen in the Air in ſundry Shapes, ſometimes appearing in the Shape of a Broad Sword, and at other Times in that of a Trumpet.

They write from Darlington, that on Tueſday Morning laſt they had there the moſt terrible Claps of Thunder, and Flaſhes of Lightning, ever known in the Memery of Man, which Split the Spire of the Church from Top to Bottom and Damaged two or three Houſes.

PLANTATION NEWS.

New-York, June 11. Laſt Thurſday as Colonel William Rickets, of Elizabeth Town, and his Wife and Family, was returning Home in his own Boat, accompanied by ſome Friends, they imprudently left the Penant flying at the Maſt Head, and coming abreaſt his Majeſty's Ship the Greyhound, a Gun was fired from Her, which not imagining to be at them, they took no Notice of; another quickly followed, and the Shot paſſing thro' the Main Sail, ſtruck a young Woman, Nurſe to one of the Colonel's Children, on the Head, and kill'd her on the Spot. The Boat put back to this City, where the Jury being ſummoned, and Evidence on both Sides being examined, they brought in their Verdict Wilfull Murder. Captain Rodham, Commander of the Greyhound, 'tis ſaid, was not on board when this happened.

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And for ſtrengthening the Stomach, immediately creating a good Appetite, cauſing a regular and eaſy Digeſtion of Food, and curing all windy Effects and Diſorders of the firſt Paſſages, (whence proceed Head-Achs, Vapours, and other Indiſpoſitions) no Bitters, nor any other Medicine upon Earth can compare with them, inſomuch that beſides infallibly curing the Scurvy, in all its Shapes and Appearances they aſſuredly and directly cure the Green-Sickneſs in Virgins, Worms, of all Kinds, in Young or Old, and almoſt all other Chronick Diſeaſes, which are chiefly occaſioned by Indigeſtion and flatulent Crudities in the Stomach and Bowels) and certainly prevent Fevers, Agues, and other acute Illneſſes.

They are wonderfully Cordial and Reſtorative, ſtrengthen and enen the whole Machine, and as ſoon as taken, make the Patient pleaſantly lightſome, brisk and vigorous to Admiration, and are good for all Sorts of Perſons, to preſerve as well as to procure a ſound and healthful State of Body.

But the great Reputation theſe ſo much fam'd and moſt pleaſant Chymical DROPS have ſo univerſally gain'd among Perſons of Eminence, for their ſuddenly and infallibly curing the Scurvy and all Scorbutick Humors, and other Chronick Diſeaſes, in ſuch an eaſy and agreeable Manner, have occaſioned many to imitate them, ſome under the ſame, and others under other Names; be careful therefore not to be deceived, but be ſure to have the Right, which, by the Author's ſpecial Appointment, are to be had only at the Gentlewoman's at the two blue Poſts in Haydon Yard in the Minories, at 3s. 6d a Bottle, with Directions.

Concerning Gleets and Seminal Weakneſſes of all Kinds.

ALL judicious Phyſicians and Surgeons allow, that nothing is more difficult to cure, even by the very beſt Method and Medicines in uſual Practice, than Stubborn Gleets and Seminal Weakneſſes whether occaſion'd by too ſevere purging for Venereal Injuries, violent Strains, Pollutio ſui, or any other Cauſe whatever; and that they are dangerous in their Conſequences, as well as difficult to cure, is as certain ſince they exceedingly weaken the Generative Faculties, infeeble the whole Nervous Syſtem, often bring on Hectick Heats, a Tabes Dorſalis, or Conſumption of the Back, or an Atrophy or Nervous Conſumption; which frequently terminate in Death itſelf.

All ſuch therefore who have the Misfortune to be troubled with Old ſtubborn Gleets, Seminal Effuſions, Involuntary Emiſſions, exceſſive Nocturnal Pollutions, or any Weakneſs of the Kidneys, Ureters, or Bladder, the Diabetes, Incontinency of Urine, or Difficulty of holding their Water, would doubtleſs be glad to meet with a certain, ſafe and ſpeedy Cure, which they muſt aſſuredly may, by the taking only a ſmall Quantity of a tranſcendent Balſamick Reſtrictive Electuary, now publiſhed for a general Good, after having for many Years in private Practice been experienced never once to fail of perfectly curing the moſt ſtubborn Gleets known, in a few Days, without Difficulty or Trouble; as alſo all other Weakneſſes of the Back, Reins, Seminal Veſſels and Urinary Paſſages, which it almoſt inſtantly cures, bringing to rights and reſtoring all thoſe Parts and Paſſages to their natural Tone and priſtine Vigour, in a very extraordinary Manner, and by taking a few Doſes of it only.

This tranſcendent Balſamick Reſtrictive Electuary is neither diſagreeable to take, nor occaſions the leaſt Diſorder, but is a wonderful Reſtorative in all Weakneſs and Decay of Conſtitution of any Kind, and particularly ſtrengthens the Back, Reins, Seminal and Urinary Veſſels, to an immenſe Degree, inſomuch that in any Debility of them, one Doſe of it does more than ten of any other Remedy yet found out; and all Perſons fatigued with Gleets or Seminal Weakneſſes of any Sort, or Weakneſſes of the Urinary Veſſels, who take it, will in three Days time find it ſo very effectual, that they will be moſt agreeably ſurpriſed at it.

When a Medicine will infallibly accompliſh ſuch a ſafe, ſpeedy and perfect Cure of ſuch difficult Maladies, as Gleets and Seminal Weakneſſes are, as this Great Remedy truly and directly will, even after all other Means and Medicines have been try'd in vain; too much cannot be ſaid in Praiſe of it, and this all who ever took it for any of the abovemention'd Purpoſes, have readily declared.

The Price is but 6s. a Pot, altho' for its abſolute Efficacy, one Pot alone being ſufficient in moſt Caſes to accompliſh a Cure, worth ten times as much, and is ready ſealed up, with a Book of Inſtructions, which whomſoever carefully reads will be complete Maſter of his own Caſe, and perfectly know, when the Gleet or Weakneſs be is afflicted with ſucceeds a Venereal Injury, whether all the Malignity of the foul Diſeaſe is entirely extirpated or not.

Note, This fam'd Balſamic Electuary is now, by the Author's Appointment, to be had only at Mr. Eglinton's, (Mr. Radford being deceaſed) at the Golden Pair of Spectacles, againſt the Eaſt-End of the New Church in the Strand, London. Ask only for a 6s. Pot of Balſamic Electuary. No Letters anſwer'd, unleſs Poſt-paid.

The True Cordial QUINTESSENCE *of* VIPERS *the moſt Noble and Grand Preparation in the whole* Materia Medica, *for the real, ſubſtantial Cure of* Impotency *in Men, and* Barrenneſs *in Women; and is vaſtly preferable to* Viper Wine, *or any other Preparation of Vipers whatever, as being replete with the full and whole Virtues of them.*

A Few Drops of it only, gives ſuch a generous Warmth, and ſo exceedingly delights the Vital and Animal Spirits, Senſes, and Nerves, as ſoon to ſhew what it will do, upon a little Conſtancy of it; for it not only promotes, and prompts to a Deſire, but alſo furniſhes proper Matter, for the Support and Eſtabliſhment of a true laſting Inclination and Power.

By this Means it anſwers the End as well of Food as Phyſick, nor is there any thing in Nature beſides, that can in that Reſpect come up to it conſidering that it univerſally nouriſhes and reſtores in all the Declenſions of Deſire and Vigour, without the leaſt ſtaining the Veſſels, or ſtimulating the Parts, as moſt other Medicines for theſe Purpoſes do: And tho' it be a Maxim in Phyſick, that CERERE & BACCHO FRIGET VENUS, this, in itſelf, is ſo eminently nutritious as to want no Aſſiſtance that Way; not but it may be allowed, that good Eating and Drinking with it, contribute in ſome Degree, at leaſt as an Auxiliary contribute to its Efficacy.

Nor does it only furniſh Matter and create Deſire, but alſo Power (as it braces up and corroborates the Teſtes) and gives an elaſtick Springineſs to the Muſculi Erectores Penis in Men, and corrects, cleanſes, and comforts the Uterus, or Womb, in Women, the Lankneſs and Laxity of the former, and the Foulneſs, Coldneſs, or Obſtruction of the latter, being more the Cauſe of Impotency or Infertility, in the one Sex, and Indifferency or Sterility in the other than any Thing elſe beſide; and that it is Balſamick, and greatly Reſtorative, is confirmed by long Experience, and we have many Inſtances in Phyſical Writings, of Perſons arriving to a healthful old Age, as well as recover'd from deplorable Decays and Weakneſſes, by a continued Uſe of the common Preparations of Vipers, which this Quinteſſence, by being of vaſtly more Efficacy, brings about in a Quarter of the Time, and with the Tenth Part of the Quantity.

Thoſe who but once try it, will ſo pleaſantly experience its nutritive quickening Properties, in exhilerating the Heart, reviving the Spirits, comforting the Vitals, circulating the Juice, and recreating and renovating, as it were the whole Man, that they will never be without it; for it is ſuch a preſent Help, in Time of Need, as that on the taking then but a Doſe or two more or leſs than ordinary, it will ſo inſtantaneouſly animate the dull inactive Spirits, and rouze up, and actuate the ſluggiſh enfeebled Faculties in both Sexes, as to excite and capacitate where it could hardly be expected, and at the ſame Time ſeldom fails to render that compleat Intercourſe Prolifick, Price Half a Guinea the Bottle.

Mr. Weſt, Goldſmith, who us'd to ſell theſe Bottles, being lately dead, it is now Sold only by his Son-in-Law, Mr. Jonathan Baker, at the Seven Stars in Vere-Street, Clare-Market, ſeriouſly with Directions (for any Meſſenger) upon aſking for one Bottle of Quinteſſence.

For the Year 1751. ——— A NEW

ALMANACK, with the DECREE of the Preſent POPE Benedict XIV. for Confirming the Privileges of the Jubilee Year, to only the Cardinals of Rome, that Year, Except in ARTICULO MORTIS,

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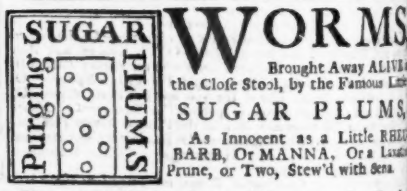

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Twelve Pence a Dozen. ——— Or, May Buy but ONE of a Single PLUM, for a PENNY, (With Directions with it)

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